

<b>REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION</b> CITY OF SAN DIEGO				CERTIFICATE NUMBER (FOR COMPTROLLER'S USE ONLY)	
TO: CITY COUNCIL		FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT): Police Department		DATE: 1/10/2014	
SUBJECT: Informational update for PS&LN regarding the Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.)					
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COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES					
FUND					
FUNCTIONAL AREA					
COST CENTER					
GENERAL LEDGER ACCT					
WBS OR INTERNAL ORDER					
CAPITAL PROJECT No.					
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COST SUMMARY (IF APPLICABLE):					
ROUTING AND APPROVALS					
CONTRIBUTORS/REVIEWERS:		APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	
Liaison Office		ORIG DEPT.	Ramirez, David	01/15/2014	
		CFO			
		DEPUTY CHIEF			
		COO	Chadwick, Scott	02/14/2014	
		CITY ATTORNEY			
		COUNCIL PRESIDENTS OFFICE			
PREPARATION OF:	<input type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGREEMENT(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> DEED(S)	
Informational Item Only					
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Informational Only H.O.T. Unit					
SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION)					
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):	City-wide				
COMMUNITY AREA(S):	none				
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:	none				
CITY CLERK	none				

INSTRUCTIONS:	
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**COUNCIL ACTION  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

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**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Members of the Police Department will be providing an informational update regarding the Homeless Outreach Team. A PowerPoint presentation will include current staffing levels, partnerships and successes and challenges.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Informational Only H.O.T. Unit

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF ITEM BACKGROUND:**

In 1999, the Police Department developed two innovative homeless outreach programs. They are the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and the Serial Inebriate Program (SIP). Both offer housing options that connect individuals experiencing chronic homelessness directly to safe havens, transitional housing programs, local homeless providers or residential treatment settings.

These two programs were recognized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as “Best Practices” for reducing chronic homelessness and are now being replicated by other cities throughout the United States.

The Homeless Outreach Team combines a San Diego Police Officer, a Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) clinician, and a County of San Diego Health and Human Service (HHS) specialist in outreach teams to provide a resource for the patrol officers who are responding to radio calls involving the homeless. There are four outreach teams on the streets Monday through Friday from 5:30AM to 3:30AM. The outreach teams take referrals from police officers, community members, and businesses.

In 2013, the Homeless Outreach Team identified over 1400 people who were experiencing homelessness. Most of those people were talked to on multiple occasions; of those contacts there were 720 placements.

The Homeless Outreach Team recently began working with PATH/Connections Housing, the Downtown Partnership and Alpha Project to provide integrated outreach to chronically homeless individuals in the downtown area. These integrated outreach teams work together to place homeless individuals into temporary beds at the Emergency Shelter. The teams provide immediate case management to transition individuals from these beds into more permanent housing.

The Serial Inebriate Program is a collaboration of four city and five county agencies, including law enforcement, the Office of the City Attorney, the Superior Courts, County of San Diego Behavioral Health, and homeless agencies and treatment providers. SIP is funded jointly by the County and the City. The program follows the Drug Court Model and provides chronic homeless alcoholics a choice between incarceration and treatment.

The costs and the over utilization of police and emergency medical services associated with the chronic alcoholic population are well documented. The San Diego Emergency Medical Services Resource Access Program (RAP) recently analyzed the costs associated with ten high end alcoholic frequent users of their system for the last twelve months. The ten individuals were responsible for 316 fire/paramedic transports at a cost of approximately \$500,000 dollars strictly in paramedic services. The Serial Inebriate Program is working in a collaborative effort to reduce these incidents. In the last month five of the ten individuals have been diverted into local treatment programs.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS: None

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONTRACTING INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE): None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL and/or COMMITTEE ACTION (describe any changes made to the item from what was presented at committee): None

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS: None

KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PROJECTED IMPACTS: None

Ramirez, David  
Originating Department

Chadwick, Scott  
Deputy Chief/Chief Operating Officer